

REMARKS

The present application was filed on December 28, 2000 with claims 1-44. Claims 15 and 23 have been canceled and claims 1-14, 16-22 and 24-44 remain pending. Claims 1, 7, 14, 22, 27, 33 and 39-44 are the pending independent claims.

In the outstanding Office Action dated September 10, 2004, the Examiner: (i) objected to the abstract; (ii) objected to claims 6, 20, 39 and 43; (iii) rejected claims 14 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph; (iv) rejected claims 39-44 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,665,870 to Finseth et al. (hereinafter "Finseth"); (v) rejected claims 14, 16, 17, 19-22, 24 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Finseth in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,240,555 to Shoff et al. (hereinafter "Shoff"); (vi) rejected claims 1-4, 6, 27-30, 32, 33-36 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Finseth in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,367,078 to Lasky (hereinafter "Lasky"); (vii) rejected claims 7-11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Finseth in view of Shoff and Lasky; (viii) rejected claims 15 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Finseth in view of Shoff and Lasky; (ix) rejected claims 5, 31 and 37 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Finseth in view of Lasky and U.S. Patent No. 6,005,597 to Barrett et al. (hereinafter "Barrett"); (x) rejected claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Finseth in view of Shoff, Lasky and U.S. Patent No. 6,714,722 to Tsukidate (hereinafter "Tsukidate"); (xi) rejected claims 18 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Finseth in view of Shoff and Tsukidate; and (xii) rejected claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Finseth in view of Shoff, Lasky and U.S. Patent No. 6,732,369 to Schein et al. (hereinafter "Schein").

With regard to the objection to the abstract, the abstract has been amended so that it contains fewer than 150 words. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the abstract is therefore respectfully requested.

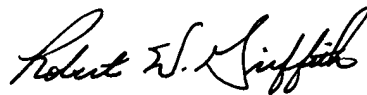
With regard to the objection to claims 6, 20, 39 and 40, the claims have been amended to correct the informalities as set forth by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to claims 6, 20, 39 and 40 is therefore respectfully requested.

With regard to the rejection of claims 14 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, claims 14 and 22 have been amended to correct the indefiniteness as set forth by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of the §112, second paragraph rejection of claims 14 and 22 is therefore respectfully requested.

With regard to the rejections of claims 1-44 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and §103(a), claims 15 and 23 have been canceled and claims 1-14, 16-22 and 24-44 have been amended. Independent claims 1, 7, 14, 22, 27, 33 and 39-44 have been amended to recite that the related hyperlinked program is selected by the system based on a profile of the viewer and a system selected program category. Support for the amendments can be found in the specification at: page 6, lines 3-9; page 7, lines 2-5; page 9, lines 15-16; and page 13, lines 19-21. Cited references Finseth, Shoff, Lasky, Barret, Tsukidate and Schein taken either separately or in combination fail to disclose a system that selects a related program on its own based on a profile of the viewer and a program classification category. The program classification category is selected by the system from a plurality of classification categories for the program being viewed. Accordingly, withdrawal of the §102(e) and §103(a) rejections of claims 1-14, 16-22 and 24-44 is therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above, Applicants believe that claims 1-14, 16-22 and 24-44 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request withdrawal of the §112, §102(e) and §103(a) rejections.

Respectfully submitted,



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